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SUBJECT: GOI TEXTILE REQUESTS

1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE DHARIA CALLED IN THE AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 8 TO PRESENT GOI POSITION ON CURRENT TEXTILE PROBLEMS AND MAKE TWO REQUESTS. BOTH REQUESTS ARE CONTAINED IN DHARIA LETTER OF AUGUST 5 TO SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS. FULL TEXT OF LETTER BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

2. DHARIA NOTED THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE EXHAUSTION OF 1978 GROUP II QUOTA, INDIAN TEXTILE GOODS FOR EXPORT HAD BEGUN TO PILE UP. MOST EXPORTERS WERE IN THE SMALL SCALE SECTOR, AND THEY HAD FEW STORAGE FACILITIES AND NO WAY OF FINANCING THE BUILD-UP OF INVENTORIES. HE SAID THAT, IF NOTHING WERE DONE, MANY SMALL EXPORT FIRMS WOULD HAVE TO SHUT DOWN. THE MINISTER ALSO NOTED THAT GOODS IN STORAGE WERE PRIMARILY FOR THE COMING FALL SEASON; IF THEY WERE NOT SHIPPED SOON THEY WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR LATER SHIPMENT. DHARIA ASKED THAT THE
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USG ALLOW THE SHIPMENT OF 14 MILLION SYE (REPRESENTING THE ERROR IN CLASSIFICATION) OF GROUP II GOODS ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE 1979 QUOTA PENDING THE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

3. DHARIA ALSO SAID THAT THE CONSULTATION LEVELS OF THE FOUR SENSITIVE CATEGORIES OF MILLMADE/HANDLOOM GARMENTS HAD BEEN

EXHAUSTED FOR THIS YEAR. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE FLOW OF THESE GOODS, PARTICULARLY HANDLOOMS, TO THE U.S., HE ASKED THAT WE GRANT AN AD HOC INCREASE IN PRESENT LEVELS TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE 1979 LEVELS PENDING THE CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: PROBLEMS IN THE INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY CONSTITUTE A SENSITIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE. ALSO, THE GOI HAS PLACED HIGH PRIORITY ON THE LABOR INTENSIVE SMALL SCALE SECTOR. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE FACTORS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GOI REQUESTS.
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